संबंधी प्रक्रिया को सुगम बनाने हेतु कोई नीति तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) अब तक कितने विदेशी निवेशकों को देश में निवेश करने की अनुमति दी गई है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) से (ग) जी, हां, निर्णय लेने में, अधिक पारदर्शिता प्रदान करने के लिए सरकार ने हाल ही में दिनांक 17 जनवरी, 1997 के प्रेस नोट संख्या 3(1997 की श्रृंखला) के जरिये (प्रति विवरण रूप में संलग्न) **(नीचे देखिए)** विदेशी निवेश संवर्धन बोर्ड द्वारा विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश प्रस्तावों पर विचार करने हेतु दिशानिर्देश जारी किए हैं। **[देखिए परिशिष्ट 180, अनुपत्र संख्या 4]**। अप्रैल, 91 से दिसम्बर, 96 तक की अवधि के दौरान सरकार द्वारा 5614 विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश प्रस्ताव स्वीकृत किये गये हैं।

विवरण

फा०सं० 10(32)/97-आई०पी०

भारत सरकार

उद्योग मंत्रालय

औद्योगिक नीति और संवर्धन विभाग

उद्योग भवन,

नई दिल्ली, 17 जनवरी, 1997

प्रेस नोट सं० 3(1997 श्रृंखला)

सरकार ने घरेलू और विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश दोनों के अनुमोदन की कार्य पद्धति और तंत्र को और उदार तथा सरल बनाने के लिए अनेक उपाय किए हैं। निर्णय करने में अधिक पारदर्शिता मुहैया करने के प्रति अपनी वचनबद्धता को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार ने विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश के प्रस्तावों पर विदेशी निवेश संवर्धन बोर्ड द्वारा विचार करने के लिए दिशा निर्देश घोषित किये हैं।

इस संबंध में घोषित दिशा निर्देशों की एक प्रति आम सूचना तथा निवेशकों की जानकारी के लिए संलग्न है।

ह०/-

(अशोक कुमार)

संयुक्त सचिव, भारत सरकार।

सं० 10(32)/97-आई०पी०

दिनांक 17 जनवरी, 1997

प्रतिलिपि प्रेस सूचना अधिकारी, प्रेस सूचना ब्यूरो को उक्त प्रेस नोट का व्यापक प्रचार करने के लिए प्रेषित है।

Targets for disinvestment in PSUs

196. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for disinvestment in PSUs by Government during last four years;

(b) to what extent these targets have been realised;

(c) the target set for 1996-97;

(d) the reasons for not achieving the targets of disinvestment in PSUs; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to improve the performance of PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The targets for disinvestment in the last four years and actuals there-against are as under:-

(Rs. Crores)

Year	Targets	Actuals
1992-93	3500	1912
1993-94	3500	NIL
1994-95	4000	4843
1995-96	7000	168

(c) and (d) The targets for disinvestment during 1996-97 are Rs. 5000/- crores. The actual realisations against targets depends upon the market conditions.

(e) The improvement of performance of the PSUs is a continuous process for which enterprise specific actions are taken by the PSUs and the administrative Ministries concerned.

AITUC's opposition for privatisation of all PSUs

197. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Trade Union Congress has strongly opposed the

proposal of Government for privatisation of all Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered any steps to be taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the main points of the strategy adopted; and

(d) by when Government's decision on proposal of privatisation of Public Sector Undertakings is likely to be finally taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) At present, there is no proposal before the Government for privatisation of all the public sector undertakings, nor has the ministry received any communication from AITUC opposing the so-called proposal.

Incentive package for small sector in Punjab

198. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a package of incentives for the Small Sector in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Expert Committee on small Enterprises under the Chairmanship of Dr. Abid Hussain has recently submitted its report. As a follow up on the recommendations of the Committee, several steps including a package of measures for improving the competitiveness of small sector in the country are being taken. These would equally be applicable to the small units in the State of Punjab also. Government have already decided to raise the investment limit from Rs. 60/75 lakhs to Rs. 300 lakhs for a SSI unit and from Rs. 5 lacks to Rs. 25 lakhs for a tiny unit, as recommended by the Expert Committee.

Operation of Value-added electronics information service

199. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a project from Wire News Service Bloomberg LPUSA for a 100% Indian subsidiary to operate value-added electronics information services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether views of the Ministry of information and Broadcasting were obtained at the time of according approval to the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Government have given permission to M/s. Bloomberg LP, USA only for setting up a 100% owned subsidiary to operate Electronic Information Services such as Data Services, Audio Text Services, Video Text Services but excluding value added services as defined under the announced policy of Deptt. of Telecommunication. The Admn. Ministry, *i.e.* Department of Telecommunication were consulted before grant of the aforesaid approval.

Reluctance of foreign investors

200. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign investors are reluctant to invest in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?